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SUBJECT: POSEIDON COMMITMENT TO NATO: SUBSTANTIVE  
COMMENTS

REF: (A) PARIS 5847, (B) HAMBURG 81, (C) USNATO 1110

1. REF A RAISED QUESTION OF NEED TO INFORM THE FRENCH IN PARIS OF OUR NEW POSEIDON COMMITMENT TO NATO. NOTWITHSTANDING INFORMATION IN REF C THAT THE FRENCH WERE ALREADY INFORMED OF CHANGE ELSEWHERE, I BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO CALL ON MOD BOURGES TO INFORM HIM HERE OF THIS CHANGE IN THE US COMMITMENT TO THE COMMON DEFENSE OF THE ALLIANCE AREA. I BELIEVE WE SHOULD IN THIS CASE FOLLOW THE PATTERN OF 1971 NOTIFICATION TO THE FRENCH ON THE ORIGINAL POSEIDON COMMITMENT.

2. ALTHOUGH SPECIFIC NUMBER OF POSEIDON RV'S ASSIGNED TO NATO WAS NOT GIVEN TO FRENCH BECAUSE IT WAS CLASSIFIED RD/FRD (ATOMAL) (REF C), FIGURE WAS SPECIFICALLY MENTIONED IN REF B, WHICH WAS NOT CLASSIFIED RD/FRD (ATOMAL). I BELIEVE THAT IT WOULD BE HIGHLY DESIRABLE TO SHARE THIS INFORMATION WITH THE FRENCH IF THIS CAN BE DONE EITHER DIRECTLY OR BY MEANS OF A WAIVER.

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3. THE DEPARTMENT'S PROMPT RESPONSE ON THESE

SUBJECTS WOULD BE APPRECIATED, INCLUDING INFORMATION  
ON WHICH BRIEFING OF BOURGES CAN BE BASED.  
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